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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Nelson:

I have considered the papers which you sent me on October 19, 1955, relating to your proposal that the Planning Coordination Group be abolished on December 31, 1955. The papers appear to me to be satisfactory to accomplish that purpose.

Paragraph 4. a. of the draft memorandum to the Chairman of the OCB relates to the future handling of certain PCG functions in relation to this Agency. The general principle enunciated there is in accord with our own thinking and we will proceed to draft the amendments technically needed to carry out that suggestion.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

SA/DCI/[]/mb, 24 Oct. 1955

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24 October 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Revision of NSC 5412/1

There is attached, for your consideration, a draft memorandum which discusses the procedures which might be adopted after the PCG is abolished at the end of this year. This memorandum has been read and approved by Frank Wisner and Dick Bissell. At a meeting of the PCG Alternates on October 18, there was consideration of this subject. Dick Bissell made suggestions which are consistent with my attached memorandum which appeared to be satisfactory to the representatives of State and Defense. Language consistent with my attached draft amendments are included on page 2 of the longest attachment which Nelson Rockefeller sent to you for PCG approval.

If the general line of the proposed amendment to 5412/1 is satisfactory to you, you may wish to sign the attached letter to Rockefeller. The only point I might mention is that if Rockefeller resigns as Vice-Chairman (as he proposes to) and Gordon Gray sits as the Defense Alternate, you will preside at meetings when Mr. Hoover is absent. That would help the meetings considerably, but I should point it out.


Special Assistant to the Director

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Attachments

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Operations Coordinating Board

SUBJECT: Report of the Planning Coordination Group

I. Background

1. The Planning Coordination Group was established within the framework of the OCB by letter of the President of March 10, 1955. The Group's functions and composition are described in the Budget Director's memorandum to the President of March 3, which the President approved March 4, subject: "Coordination of Economic, Psychological, Political Warfare, and Foreign Information Activities."

2. Paragraph 3 a of the Budget Director's memorandum states that the Planning Coordination Group should report directly to the Chairman of OCB, who would from time to time transmit progress reports of the Group to the President through the National Security Council. Accordingly, this report is submitted with the request that it be so transmitted.

II. Report

3. The Planning Coordination Group was envisioned as a mechanism to meet the continuing need in Government to infuse dynamic, new imaginative ideas in plans and programs to implement national security policies, to diagnose precisely how best to meet the over-all problems of a given country or area, to bring into balance

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all aspects of a problem and all resources available to solve it, and to find ways effectively to utilize U.S. private organizations and foreign public and private individuals and groups. The Group was to aid in developing planning in both overt and covert fields and to advise and assist the responsible operating agencies in the coordinated development of plans and programs to carry out those national security policies appropriate to its functions. After seven months' experience, it is clear to the four members of the Group that these are valid continuing objectives but that the Planning Coordination Group mechanism will not be able to accomplish them, and that other means should be sought to achieve these objectives. The Group therefore recommends that the President abolish the Planning Coordination Group effective December 31, 1955.

4. The Planning Coordination Group was also given specific responsibilities for being advised of and channeling support to major covert programs (NSC 5412/1) and for being the coordinating agency for the statements of policy in NSC 5505/1 and NSC 5502/1.

a. Respecting covert operations, the Group recommends that the President approve that NSC 5412/1 be amended so as to substitute therein for the Planning Coordination Group the representative of the President on the OCB and the designated representative of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense referred to in paragraph 4.a. of NSC 5412/1.

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b. Respecting the coordination of NSC 5505/1, the OCB has forwarded to the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs the Group's recommendation that that policy statement (as well as the related policy statement in NSC 174) should be reviewed by the NSC Planning Board in the light of and subsequent to the pending revision of NSC 5501. By December 31, 1955, the Group will have submitted to the NSC a report on actions taken to implement NSC 5505/1 and an outline plan of operations to effect further integration of effort in this field. The Group recommends that the President designate the OCB as the coordinating agency for the statements of policy in NSC 5505/1 and NSC 174 effective December 31, 1955.

c. Respecting the coordination of NSC 5502/1, the Group recommends that the President designate OCB as the coordinating agency effective December 31, 1955.

(With reference to the recommendations in this paragraph, the necessary action should be taken to revise NSC 1349, March 10, 1955, to reflect the President's actions.)

Nelson A. Rockefeller, Chairman
Planning Coordination Group

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
Through the National Security Council**

SUBJECT: Report of the Planning Coordination Group

Subject report is transmitted herewith.

**I recommend that the President approve
the recommendations in this report.**

**The Director of the Bureau of the Budget
concurs.**

**Chairman
Operations Coordinating Board**

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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

On _____ I approved recommendations in a report of the Planning Coordination Group, transmitted to me through the National Security Council by the Chairman of the Operations Coordinating Board. The Planning Coordination Group is thereby abolished.

In my letter of March 10, 1955, establishing the Planning Coordination Group, I also designated you Vice Chairman of the Operations Coordinating Board. I desired your service in that capacity to be considered experimental and to be reviewed after a few months of experience.

Based on the experience of the past ten months, I agree to accept your resignation as Vice Chairman of the Operations Coordinating Board. You will continue to serve as a member of that Board in the capacity of the Representative of the President, pursuant to the designation in my letter to you of December 16, 1954.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower